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February 24, 1975

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FROM: RUSS ROURKE

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH TOM LATIMER
CONCERNING ASSIGNMENT OF CORPSMAN
TO RMN

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Jack Marsh

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February 24, 1975

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I would recommend Option 2.



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WASHINGTON

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April 14, 1975

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FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*
SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF CORPSMAN TO RMN

Jack, Tom Latimer advises me that DOD has received a written formal request from Clinton Hill, Secret Service, concerning the continued assignment of a medical corpsman to RMN. In the view of the Secret Service, this assignment is both warranted and necessary.

The corpsman will remain on assignment until June 15, 1975, when Secret Service will again evaluate the situation, and make a subsequent recommendation.



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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CLINTON J. HILL
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
PROTECTIVE FORCES

FROM: WARREN L. GULLEY

SUBJECT: Medical Support for Former President
Nixon

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Should you still feel that Secret Service should not be involved in requesting medical support, then I think a White House decision is necessary in assigning this responsibility to the proper office/agency as this will not only effect the medical support for former President Nixon but also future former Presidents.

Copy to:

Mr. Tom Latimer

Mr. John Marsh

→ Mr. Russ Roarke

Mr. Bill Casselman

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 9, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE R

Right now we are in a holding pattern until Gulley receives a response from Clint Hill. If, despite Gulley's rather compelling argument, Hill still rejects this request, we will then have to have a meeting to decide on one of the following options:

1. Drop the medical assistance to the former President.
2. Determine another appropriate requesting agency and attempt to convince that agency of the wisdom of requesting medical support for Richard Nixon.

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7 July
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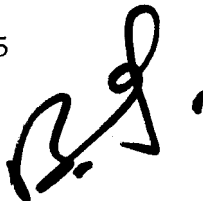
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WASHINGTON

7 July 1975

TO RUSS ROURKE
FROM BILL GULLEY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Gulley", is written over the name "BILL GULLEY" in the "FROM" line of the memo.

Russ: Per our conversation, Dunn's orders expired on 30 June and I am presently keeping him there on a day to day basis with the concurrence of DOD. However, they are pushing me for a piece of paper authorizing his continued assignment.



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20223

July 2, 1975

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

To : Mr. Warren L. Gulley
Liaison for Former Presidents
Office of the Military Assistant to the President

From : Clinton J. Hill
Assistant Director
Protective Forces

Subject : Medical Support for Former President Nixon

Attached is a copy of a self-explanatory letter from Doctor John C. Lungren, personal physician to the former President.

The Secret Service has no argument with Dr. Lungren's professional opinion that Chief Dunn's presence is vital to the total protective health care needs of former President Nixon. However, we do not feel that the Secret Service is the proper agency to levy a continuing request of this nature on the Department of Defense.

Accordingly, this request is forwarded to you in conjunction with your duties as liaison for former Presidents.


Clinton J. Hill

Attachment - a/s

cc: Kenneth R. Bailey
Colonel, USA
Military Assistant

JOHN CHARLES LUNGREN, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.C.
INTERNAL MEDICINE AND CARDIOLOGY
2898 LINDEN AVENUE
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90806

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June 19, 1975

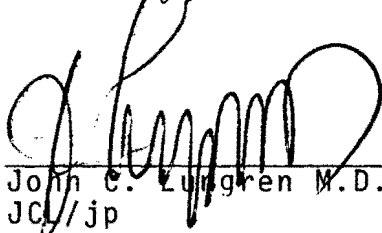
CLINTON J. HILL
Assistant Director, Protective Forces
Department of the Treasury
United States Secret Service
Office of the Director
Washington, D.C. 20223

Dear Mr. Hill,

The recovery period of former President R. Nixon has proceeded on schedule. It is professionally impossible at this time to render a specific time frame required for the complete recovery of the total man. Accordingly, it is my medical judgment that during this vital period it is imperative that a competent, efficient para medic with experience in any and all emergency medical care procedures be available to the former President on a twenty four hour basis. It is my observation that Chief Dunn has carried out my medical assignments in regards to the former President's health care in a competent and efficient manner.

I feel that Chief Dunn's presence is vital to the total protective health care needs of the former President of the United States.

Sincerely,



John C. Lungren M.D., FACC
JCL/jp